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## Mayor Recognizes Albuquerque Veterans in Unique Way

*Veteran Walls created at each Senior Center, commemorating their service*

**Albuquerque, NM** – Under the direction of Mayor Richard J. Berry, the Department of Senior Affairs has created “Veteran Walls” at each of the six senior centers and two multigenerational centers in Albuquerque. The purpose of these walls is to honor those veterans in the community for their heroism and to thank them on behalf of the City for their sacrifice.

On July 1, 2014, the Barelmas Senior Center was the first to unveil a Veteran Wall in the social hall and the final wall was unveiled at the Palo Duro Senior Center on November 3, 2016. A total of 184 pictures proudly display the stories of senior veterans in our community; 170 (92%) are males and 14 (8%) are females.

Mayor Richard J. Berry said, “These veterans have stepped forward to protect and defend our country, state, and city, often putting their lives on the line for our freedom. The City of Albuquerque is proud to honor our veterans for their sacrifices. It is a great accomplishment that each center has honored its Veteran members. The City of Albuquerque is currently in the process of updating these walls with even more veterans who want to share their story.”

Each center will host another ceremony to update the wall at the facility. The schedule is:

- May 18, 2017 North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
- May 25, 2017 Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
- June 15, 2017 Los Volcanes Senior Center
- June 22, 2017 Barelmas Senior Center
- June 29, 2017 Highland Senior Center
- July 13, 2017(*tentative*) North Valley Senior Center
- August 10, 2017 Palo Duro Senior Center
- August 24, 2017 Bear Canyon Senior Center

City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Veterans Walls	Males	Females	Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	TOTAL	Date Unveiled
Barelmas Senior Center	21	0	12	4	2	2	1	21	11% 7/1/2014
Bear Canyon Senior Center	36	2	16	10	9	4	0	38	21% 7/30/2015
Highland Senior Center	10	0	7	1	2	0	0	10	5% 11/10/2015
Los Volcanes Senior Center	26	2	17	4	5	2	0	28	15% 4/30/2015
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center	23	1	10	7	8	0	0	24	13% 10/8/2016
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center	9	1	4	2	2	2	0	10	5% 2/26/2015
North Valley Senior Center	28	4	14	10	4	4	0	32	17% 9/15/2016
Palo Duro Senior Center	17	4	8	5	6	1	0	21	11% 11/3/2016
<b>TOTALS</b>	170	14	88	43	38	15	1	184	100%
	92%	8%	48%	23%	21%	8%	1%		

To learn more about the services offered by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs, as well as how to share your story on one of the Veteran Walls, call (505) 764-6400. The Information & Assistance Program is available for phone calls Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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